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# Office of Public Instruction



## Traffic Education Program



The Traffic Education program provides education and training for safe driving practices among Montana's novice and experienced drivers. The program is fully funded with state special revenue and fees for the training and testing services they provide. Functions of the program include:

- Approves novice driver education programs for 147 high school districts, utilizing 300 trained driver education teachers, thereby making it possible for drivers under age 16 to obtain a driver's license pursuant to Montana law;
- Distributes \$750,000-\$800,000 annually of state special revenue to school districts for driver education programs serving 10,000 students;
- Provides professional training for driver education teachers through traffic education workshops;
- Reviews credentials and training for driver education teacher licenses;
- Collaborates with the Department of Justice in administering the Cooperative Driver Testing Program through 114 school districts; and
- Conducts 35-45 full-day and 4 half-day Advanced Driver workshops for 450-550 Montana Department of Transportation personnel, school bus drivers, ambulance drivers, fire fighters and others.

